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From

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To Secretary, Revenue

To

The Collector of Bellary,
BELLARY.

M/LR

Sir,

I beg to state as follows:-

1. The plight of owners of about 200 acres of wet land irrigated by the Turtha channel at Bukkasagar, Hospet Taluk is deplorable. They have been obliged to raise dry crops on their wet lands for want of water in the Turtha Channel for the last 8 or 10 years. Though they raise dry crops the wet rate is levied from them. I am one of those owners, owning land S.No.93 A 8 acres 99 cents in extent.

2. The agitation of the ryots of Bukkasagar to set right the Turtha channel and supply water to their lands for the last 15 years or more has become futile. It is a cry in the wilderness, mahajars to the authorities and memorials to ministers in this matter have produced no result. Their grievances still remain unredressed.

3. The Government has been insisting on the people, day in and day out, to grow more food. It has launched long-range schemes for food production at heavy cost to the utter neglect of short-range and speedy schemes. Our foreign ruler had an eye on collection of land revenue and bestowed no attention on the proper working of the old Vijayanagar channels. After independence I thought that our salvation was at hand and expected our Government would immediately restore the channel and bring us belief by giving us water.

4. It seems a large quantity of water, after the 100 foot fall near Bukkasagar to generate electricity, would find

its way into the Tungabhadra river through the Gundalakeri Vanka. We are denied the use of a hundredth or two hundredth portion of the huge volume of water though the Vanka crosses the Turtha channel by a super acquiduct. It seems a huge lake will form within a furlong of sluice No.102 of the Turtha channel which feeds these 200 acres. It is a case of " Water Water every where but not a drop to drink." We are denied the use of this water which will be so near our lands. One small distributery from the lake can flood our lands.

5. As a last resort I approached the Development Commissioner, Rayalaseema Development Board, with a petition on 29-10-51 to give us water facilities. I was requested to contact the Executive Engineer, Tungabhadra Project (Localisation Division) Bellary, in this matter. I hurried up to him. He sent me a reply d/ 17-7-52 to say that this matter was not within the purview of his work and that I should contact the Executive Engineer, Bellary. I am very sorry to say that I am tossed like a tennis ball from office to office with no good coming out.

6. In May last I and some other ryots presented petitions to the Jamabandi Officer that water rate had been levied on our lands, that dry rate alone should be levied and prayed for a refund of the difference between the two. He was pleased to remark that we came to him very late, that if we had approached him earlier he would have treated our lands as lying under a precarious source of water supply and would have granted remission.

7. If this large extent of land is given water a huge paddy crop can be raised on it which will greatly relieve distress and solve the food problem to a certain extent.

8. I, therefore, request you, sir,

(1) to kindly make a personal inspection of these lands and give us water by any device you think best under the circumstances;

2) to treat these lands as lying under a precaous source of water supply until water is given and to

(3) to refund the difference between the two rates levied from us last year.

H O S P E T,
D/ 18-8-1952.

Copy to

1) The Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, Madras.
2) The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Madras.
3) The Development Commissioner, Rayalaseema Development Board, Madras.
4) The Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Bellary.
5) The Sub Collector, Hospet.
6) The Tahsildar, Hospet.

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The petition is addressed to the Collector, and this is only a copy ~~and he will make~~ ~~take action. This~~ may be lodged.

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